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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that today Allen K. Gilbertson, D.O.B. 3/25/54 of Weston, Wisconsin, was convicted of unlawfully tampering with odometers of used cars, following a two-day jury trial in federal court in Madison. U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz scheduled sentencing for June 22, 2005, at 1:15 p.m. Gilbertson faces a maximum penalty of three years in prison on each of the four counts.

The evidence established that Gilbertson used to own D and A Auto Sales in Weston, Wisconsin. Between 1998 and 2000, Gilbertson sold used cars to consumers with substantially lower mileage than when he purchased the vehicles. A citizen complaint prompted Wisconsin Department of Transportation investigators to investigate a car Gilbertson was selling. After investigators questioned Gilbertson about the mileage discrepancy, Gilbertson admitted that he tampered with approximately twenty-five vehicles.

The charges against Gilbertson were the result of an investigation conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant United States Attorney David J. Reinhard.

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